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THE EVENING PAPER

It is the evening paper that is read by the fireside, advertisements and all. The entire family takes turn in perusing its contents. The morning paper is glanced at hurriedly, if at all, before going to work or school. When leisure comes in the evening, the morning paper is a back number, for the afternoon edition comes dapp from the press. Besides, the evening paper publishes the news of today, the morning paper the news of yesterday.

Never in the history of this country have the federal officials taken as active an interest in politics as this year. Not only are they exerting their influence in the community in which they live, but are openly attending the political conventions and taking an active part. And somebody told us that this was not allowed by the federal authorities. But then consider the authorities.—Elko Free Press.

A FORGOTTEN PROMISE

FROM latest estimates of percentage of completion it may be seen that the superdreadnaught Nevada will be ready to receive that silver service at an earlier date than was contemplated, it being the policy of the navy department at this time to take its part in the general plan of preparedness.

The people of Tonopah were promised a view of the magnificent service. This town is entitled to the gratification of its wish, for Tonopah donated the bullion from which the costly and beautiful service was made. It was announced months ago that as soon as arrangements could be made, the service would be sent here and to other Nevada towns, but the promise seems to have been forgotten. The service is still on exhibition, under guard, in the office of the governor at Carson City, and soon it must be packed and hurried east for the presentation. Tonopah wants to see this set and has a right to demand that arrangements be concluded at once for bringing it here.

BABY WEEK AND ITS MEANING

GOVERNOR BOYLE has prepared a proclamation, setting aside March 4 to March 11 as "Baby week." The week is to be devoted to the interests and welfare of babies and is a movement along lines started by the Federation of Women's clubs throughout the United States.

It has been said that one who passes through life without adding at least one new life to the world has not fulfilled his or her destiny. Admitting that this be the truth, how much graver is the responsibility for eugenism in the matter, in the nurture and care of the innocent and helpless babe, while it passes through that period of lamentation at existence, before the smiles and dimples come, before life's beauties and pleasures dawn upon the infant mind.

Just exactly how "Baby week" is to be publicly observed, the writer has not been informed, but he knows that there should be a separate and distinct, an earnest and an eager observation in each home throughout the state, nor should it be confined to "Baby week," but throughout this and succeeding years.

THE BRANDEIS CASE

THE powers of the supreme court of the United States exceed those of any other tribunal on earth, and the issues which come before it compel decisions whose effect upon the people of the whole country may reach to the minutest processes of their daily lives. In respect to many of the decisions of that tribunal it is the fact that their results to litigants, whatever the amounts involved, are as nothing in comparison with the consequences to the whole people, says the Chronicle.

It is, therefore, essential, if public respect for that tribunal is to be maintained, that the character of each justice shall be such that suspicion of personal bias as between sections of our country or classes of our people shall be unthinkable. No one will pretend that Mr. Brandeis stands in that position. And the evidence, as reported, goes far beyond that. When, not merely in one case, but in several, former clients come before the committee alleging, and seeming to prove, that he was unfaithful as an attorney and counselor, that of itself is an unremovable disqualification.

The excuse of "wicked partners" will not answer. In the matter of the contest between Harriman and Fish for control of the Illinois Central Railroad it is testified that the Brandeis firm had been employed by interests adverse to Harriman, and that, subsequently, it engaged actively in Mr. Harriman's interest, after consultation with Brandeis, which showed that all concerned knew that they were traveling on boggy ground, and upon the understanding that Brandeis personally should do nothing. That will not do for a justice of the supreme court, even if it stood alone, which it does not. It is clear that in his home city, where he is best known, there is a large element which believes Mr. Brandeis untrustworthy. No such man should be placed on the supreme bench. That President Wilson should make such a nomination is astonishing.

ARMED AND TRAINED FOR PEACE

PROPORTIONATE to population the Swiss are the best defended people in the world. In two days they can mobilize a trained citizen army of 200,000 men; within a week 300,000 more—every man of the 500,000 trained to shoot, to march, to maneuver and take care of himself in the field.

Yet the Swiss are intensely nonmilitaristic, intensely devoted to love of justice and peace. Their constitution expressly prohibits the maintenance of a standing army and specifically forbids a war of aggression. They are essentially armed and trained for defense and peace.

With what poignant regret must the unhappy Belgians now lament that they put their trust in treaties of peace instead of their own defensive prowess! With approximately twice the population of Switzerland, Belgium, with the Swiss system, could have thrown 1,000,000 trained defenders upon her German frontier, and history would record a different and less tragic story of this war. Against that heroic and determined array the German armies would not have marched to strike at France. They would have deemed it wiser to move directly against the French on the Franco-German boundary.

Belgium stands today a frightful warning against the folly of inadequate defense. It had been better for the Belgians if they had maintained no army at all, for then a futile sense of honor need not have driven them to throw their weak forces against the mighty German military machine. They could have saved their country from ruin by yielding to Berlin's offer to treat them well and compensate them for a granted right of way.

The danger of inadequate defense hangs over the United States—inadequate defense and a false sense of security springing from an ignorant belief in many minds that "we are big enough and rich enough to whip any other nation on the globe."

With our present preparedness we are not Grandiloquent Fourth of July orators and certain office seeking politicians have declared that error until many of them believe it, and too many voters have taken it confidently in; but every authority on military matters and practically every officer in the army and the navy, knows it to be foolish and false.

A century ago President Jefferson, apostle of democracy and peace, glimpsed the republic's need of preparedness approximating the Swiss plan. Though European armies then were small, Japan a hermit nation with no imperial designs and the United States far more secure in isolation than now, Jefferson urged the maintenance of a citizen army of 300,000 men. The young republic had then only a twentieth of the population of today, and not a fiftieth of its present wealth. Proportionate defense now could mean a trained force of 6,000,000 men.

Carrie Chapman Catt says she is going on the warpath to discover who was really behind the anti-suffrage movement at Boston. What a caterwauling and scratching is likely to ensue if she gets on the right backyard fence.

It is becoming evident that the cleanup day which we need so badly will be deferred until the 7th of next November, and what a cleaning up it will be!

CLIPPED AND CREDITED

We must say this in Colonel Roosevelt's favor. Though he shoots off his mouth too much and too wildly, he is not collecting admission fees.—Houston Post.

If after one illuminating experience Mr. Ford is evolving another "peace plan," his case must be considered hopeless.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Dr. Cook is reported as having asked Congress for justice. Doe is pretty constantly asking for something that he doesn't want.—Nashville Tennessean.

A professor says that muscle does not count for much. Has he ever tried to open a car window or discharge a cook who spoiled the soup?—Los Angeles Times.

The Kansas man who has recently paid a board bill forty years old probably waited till the bill was as old as some of the food that was served him.—Florida Times Union.

Now that the insurance men have come out with another warning that drinkers die young, we can expect a centenarian to bob up with the remark that he never missed one.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

According to Admiral Beatty, England must "get religion" to win the war, but putting the fear of God in the other fellow sounds more practical.—Wall Street Journal.

The fact that Colonel House's visit has mystified the French is just another illustration of how strong is the bond of understanding between the peoples of the two great Republics.—New York Herald.

The chairman of the Republican National committee has reached the comforting conclusion that President Wilson is politically bankrupt, and the uncomfortable conclusion that it will be very difficult to defeat him.—New York World.

Every time the Germans take a mile of trenches Lloyd-George says they are showing signs of exhaustion.—Philadelphia Record.

Wall street at least can congratulate itself that Brandeis has been eliminated as a presidential possibility.—Kansas City Illuminator.

As Mr. Brandeis knows how the railroads could save \$1,000,000 a day, the Interstate Commerce commission would seem to be his field.—Philadelphia Record.

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